

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method of using a computer system, said computer system having memory and
2 a communication device, said computer system being capable of being communicatively
3 coupled to other computer systems through said communication device, said method
4 comprising the steps of:

5 storing a plurality of respondents in said memory;

6 retrieving a plurality of electronic transmissions;

7 identifying a transmitter for each of said electronic transmissions;

8 identifying corresponding recipients for each said identified transmitter;

9 storing each of said identified transmitters in said memory;

10 storing said identified corresponding recipients in said memory;

11 identifying a first recipient from said corresponding recipients as one of said
12 stored respondents; and

13 identifying a first transmitter from said identified transmitters as a corresponding
14 transmitter of said first recipient.

1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of identifying a second
2 transmitter from said identified transmitters as a transmitter having transmitted one of
3 said electronic transmissions to said first transmitter.

1 3. A method of using a computer to modify a broadcast transmission that is
2 transmitted from a broadcast station for presentation to a viewer, said broadcast
3 transmission having an audio portion, said method comprising the steps of:

4 converting at least portions of said audio portion of said broadcast transmission to
5 text;
6 identifying a selected phrase in said converted text;
7 identifying a portion of said audio portion of said broadcast transmission that
8 corresponds to said identified phrase in said converted text; and
9 modifying said identified portion of said audio portion of said broadcast
10 transmission.

1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the step of modifying includes replacing said
2 identified portion of said audio portion of said broadcast transmission.

1 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the step of replacing includes replacing said
2 identified portion of said audio portion of said broadcast transmission with audio
3 generated by said computer.

1 6. The method of claim 4, wherein the step of replacing includes replacing said
2 identified portion of said audio portion of said broadcast transmission with audio
3 transmitted by said broadcast station.

1 7. The method of claim 3, wherein said broadcast transmission includes a video
2 portion, and wherein the step of modifying includes deleting said identified portion of
3 said audio portion of said broadcast transmission; and
4 wherein the method of claim 3 further comprises the steps of:

5 identifying a portion of said video portion of said broadcast transmission that
6 corresponds to said identified phrase in said converted text; and
7 deleting said identified portion of said video portion of said broadcast
8 transmission.

1 8. A method of using a computer system to present audio, video, and informational
2 transmissions relating to an event transmitted by a broadcast station to a viewer, said
3 computer system having memory and a communication device, said computer system
4 being capable of being coupled to other computer systems through said communication
5 device, said method comprising the steps of:

6 receiving a selection of broadcast transmissions relating to said event;
7 presenting said received selection of broadcast transmissions to said viewer;
8 receiving input from said viewer representing a viewer's selection of broadcast
9 transmissions;

10 storing information relating to said viewer's selection of said broadcast
11 transmissions in memory as a broadcast profile;

12 retrieving said broadcast profile from memory;
13 transmitting said broadcast profile to said broadcast station;
14 receiving transmissions representing said viewer's selection of broadcast
15 transmissions; and

16 presenting said received transmissions representing said viewer's selection of
17 broadcast transmissions to said viewer.

1 9. The method of claim 8, wherein said received selection of broadcast transmissions
2 relating to said event includes a plurality of different transmissions from cameras
3 videoing said event.

1 10. The method of claim 8, wherein at least one of said received inputs from said
2 viewer represents said viewer's selection of a broadcast transmission including a video
3 transmission of said event; and

4 wherein at least one of said received inputs from said viewer represents said
5 viewer's selection of a broadcast transmission including an informational transmission
6 relating to said event.

1 11. The method of claim 10, wherein said informational transmission includes
2 information relating to wagering on said event and further comprising the steps of:

3 receiving an input from said viewer representing said viewer's wager on said
4 event;

5 transmitting said received input from said viewer representing said viewer's wager
6 to said broadcast station; and

7 receiving a transmission from said broadcast station relating to the outcome of
8 said viewer's wager.

1 12. A method of using a computer system, said computer system having memory and
2 a communication device, said computer system being capable of being communicatively
3 coupled to other computer systems through said communication device, said method
4 comprising the steps of:

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5 storing information relating to a first command in memory;
6 receiving speech representing a command;
7 converting said speech representing a command to text;
8 receiving speech representing an address of a broadcast station;
9 converting said speech representing an address of a broadcast station to text;
10 identifying an address of a broadcast station in said text converted from said
11 speech representing an address of a broadcast station;
12 identifying said first command in said text converted from said speech
13 representing a command;
14 retrieving said information related to said first command from memory; and
15 transmitting said retrieved information to said identified address of a broadcast
16 station.

1 13. The method of claim 12, further comprising the steps of:
2 storing information relating to a first address of a broadcast station in memory;
3 identifying said first address of a broadcast station in said text converted from
4 said speech representing an address of a broadcast station;
5 retrieving said information relating to said first address of a broadcast station from
6 memory; and
7 transmitting said retrieved information relating to said first address of a broadcast
8 to said identified address of a broadcast station.

1 14. The method of claim 12, wherein said stored information relating to said first
2 command includes a credit card number.

6 transmitting said viewer transmission list to said viewer's viewing station; and
7 receiving a transmission from said viewer's viewing station representing said
8 viewer's request to receive one of said video transmissions identified in said viewer
9 transmission list.

1 18. A method of using a computer to provide a virtual space, said computer being
2 communicatively coupled to a plurality of viewing stations operated by viewers,
3 comprising the steps of:

4 receiving data relating to a location of a first viewer within said virtual space from
5 said first viewer's viewing station;

6 transmitting data relating to said location of said first viewer within said virtual
7 space to a plurality of viewing stations;

8 transmitting information sufficient to permit said plurality of viewing stations to
9 display a representation of said first viewer in said virtual space;

10 receiving a request for information relating to said first viewer from a viewing
11 station operated by a second viewer; and

12 transmitting data related to said request for information to said viewing station
13 operated by said second viewer.

1 19. The method of claim 17, wherein said transmitted information sufficient to permit
2 said plurality of viewing stations to display a representation of said first viewer in said
3 virtual space includes a data representing a photograph of said viewer.

- 1 20. The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of receiving a video
2 transmission of said first viewer and wherein said transmitted information sufficient to
3 permit said plurality of viewing stations to display a representation of said first viewer in
4 said virtual space includes said received video transmission of said first viewer.

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